

Tuesday, October 16, 2007



THE DAILY BEAT

This publication is provided by the [Governor's Office of Indian Affairs](#) and the [State-Tribal Economic Development Commission](#). The Daily Beat provides daily updates, announcements and articles relevant to Indian Country in Montana. Current and archived issues can be found on the [State-Tribal Economic Development Commission](#) website. Questions? Email Billie Rusek @ brusek@mt.gov or Heather Sobrepeña-George at hsobrepena@mt.gov

MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

INDIAN AFFAIRS COORDINATOR NAMED

By AP, Billings Gazette (10/16/07)

HELENA - Jennifer Perez Cole, editor of the Fort Belknap News, has been selected as state coordinator of Indian affairs, Gov. Brian Schweitzer said Monday.

She replaces Reno Charette, who announced in June that she was leaving to take a job at Montana State University Billings. Major Robinson, an economic development specialist in Schweitzer's office, has held the position during the interim.

Cole, 30, was born and raised on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in north-central Montana and is a member of the Assiniboine Tribe of the Fort Belknap Indian community and a descendant of the Fort Peck Assiniboine Tribe.

She earned a bachelor's degree in print journalism from the University of Montana in 2001 and worked as a reporter for the Great Falls Tribune until fall 2003. She is editor of the Fort Belknap News, which is operated by the Assiniboine and Gros Ventre tribes.

ROCKY BOY TRAUMA EFFORTS RECOGNIZED, REWARDED WITH NEW GRANT

By ALAN SORENSEN Havre Daily News (10/15/07)

The implementation of a childhood trauma program at Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation received praise Friday from the woman whose federal agency has funded the project the last four years. "What you're doing out here (is) a great model," A. Kathryn Power, director of the U. S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA), told staff at Box Elder School. "From the prevention and wellness aspects, congratulations."

SMALL TOWNS REAP BIG BENEFITS FROM TOURISM GRANTS

By KIM SKORNOGOSKI , Great Falls Tribune (10/16/07)

Small towns raise money for community projects one bake sale at a time. Monday, the Department of Commerce awarded a semi-sized chocolate chip cookie to five ambitious projects aimed to increase tourism in northcentral Montana.

Nearly \$240,000 from Montana's "bed tax" will help the Chippewa-Cree Tribe improve their powwow grounds; pay to move Leonardo, "the mummy dinosaur," to the new Great Plains Dinosaur Museum in Malta; and transform a 1909 drug store building into a museum in Hobson.

HARLEM STUDENTS HELP WOLF POINT PLAYERS RECOUP COST OF THEFTS

By MIKE SCHERTING, Billings Gazette (10/16/07)

Harlem students help Wolf Point players recoup cost of thefts

One of the quickest ways for a school to damage its reputation is for items to be stolen from its visiting team's locker room during a game.

So when players from the visiting Wolf Point Wolves football team lost an estimated \$1,330 in cash and electronics to locker-room thieves at Harlem Junior/Senior High School on Oct. 5, students and administrators at the Harlem school reacted just as quickly to try to counter the negative act.

CASON CONCLUDES TESTIMONY IN COBELL TRUST TRIAL

Indianz.com (10/12/07)

The Bush administration only plans to account for about half of the money in the Indian trust fund, a senior official testified on Thursday. In December 1999, the Interior Department was ordered to account for "all funds" in the Individual Indian Money (IIM) trust. A federal appeals court upheld the ruling in February 2001.

But the Bush administration's latest accounting plan appears to fall short of that goal. Jim Cason, the associate deputy secretary at the Department of the Interior, said only 50 to 55 percent of the money in the IIM trust will be reconciled.

On his last day on the stand, Cason also defended the government's management of the trust. He said the accounting work so far -- which is largely based on electronic data from 1985 through the present -- has turned up no "systemic" errors.

"Generally, the system works very well," Cason testified under cross-examination by the Cobell plaintiffs.

But Cason was forced to admit the department has never fulfilled at least one of its duties to Indian landowners. "It's my understanding that we've never had a regular, periodic accounting," he said.

JOB VACANCIES:

JOB VACANCIES WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

PATHWAYS PROJECT MANAGER, BILLINGS, MT.
AUTHORITY:The Manager is responsible to the Executive Director of the Native American Development Corporation; facilitates and organizes steering committee meetings, identifies community resources, develops community plans, and provides direction for development of a proposal to the Northwest Area Foundation. Job Summary: Responsible for organizing a Billings Urban Indian Community effort to address poverty reduction issues in Billings, Montana for a project funded by the Northwest Area Foundation. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responsible for implementing strategic planning and mobilization activities with a diverse community steering committee to achieve the objectives established by the Northwest Area Foundation project.
- Facilitates group discussions for participatory decision-making for collaborative solutions to poverty reduction.
- Coordinate work completed by steering committee to achieve measurable results.
- Develop collaborative relationships with community resources for poverty reduction through Memorandum of Understandings.
- Serves as spokesperson for the Steering Committee and other communication as required furthering the objectives of the Northwest Area Foundation poverty reduction project.
- Educate the community about their rights and responsibilities; assisting community groups in identifying and resolving poverty related problems; facilitating relationships among community groups, and other stakeholders; and assisting Native Americans in connecting with resources.
- Assist Executive Director with recordkeeping, report writing, correspondence, and other administrative tasks.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- KNOWLEDGE:**
1. Should be familiar with Billings Community Resources.
 2. Should understand facilitation and community organizing.
 3. Should be familiar with business plans or strategic planning.
 4. Must have good communication and interpersonal skills.
 5. Must have good oral and written communication skills.
 6. Prior knowledge of the Billings Native American community and/or organizations.

- SKILLS:**
1. Should have spreadsheet skills or knowledge.
 2. Must have good presentation and organizational skills.
 3. Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
 4. Able to work under deadlines and stressful situations in a business environment.
 5. Work independently with little or no direction.
 6. Effectively plan and organize work.

- EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**
1. A Masters degree preferred or a combination of experience and/or education.
 2. Prior experience with Native American social service and/or community development programs and/or organizations.
 3. Prior training, organizational or community development experience.

ANNUAL SALARY: DOE

REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) MANAGER

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: Executive Director SALARY RANGE:

\$30,000 minimum (actual compensation based on experience and qualifications)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A four-year college degree in finance, accounting or business administration is required, with course work in business finance and analysis preferred.

Acceptable experience in lieu of education would be a minimum of two year of experience in commercial lending, accounting, business consulting or management, but some formal training in business finance and analysis is essential. Must be proficient with computerized loan portfolio management and word processing, as well as basic office technology (copiers, postage meters, computer printers, etc.).

DESIRED SKILLS/EXPERIENCE: Knowledge of business financing practices and procedures is needed, including: preparation of sound business plans; financial analysis (ratios, cash flows, breakeven points, etc.); use of financial information to analyze business performance and to make recommendations for corrective actions; product pricing and maintenance of basic business accounting systems; analysis of financing options for business start-up and expansion; and preparation of business financing packages. Applicants should also have skills in preparing and presenting written and oral summaries of financial analysis, using computerized financial analysis programs, establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with co-workers, lenders, clients, investors, loan committee members, state and federal government agencies, and the general public. Must be able to communicate clearly and effectively, both verbally and in writing.

Please celebrate with us,
Native American Development Corporation and Community Partners
to learn more about how you can support a new initiative to
improve quality of living among Native Americans in the Billings metropolitan area.

Wednesday, October 24, 2007
MSU Billings Downtown Campus
2804 3rd Avenue North, Room 3
Reception @ 5:00 pm

Funding for this project is being provided by the Northwest Area Foundation.

Representatives will be here to share in our celebration:

Kari Schlachtenhaufen, Interim President & CEO

Gary Cunningham, VP of Programs, Chief Program Officer



For more info, contact Lita:
Lita@crlhealth.com
ph. 406-208-5779



NADC, under the new leadership of Leonard Smith, is the recipient of a one-year grant from the Northwest Area Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, to support the development of organizational capacity for building relationships and developing sustainable initiatives aimed at decreasing poverty among Billings' area Native Americans.